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localities to which the Elava community cannot have access, such as very near temples or palaces. As long as these schools are so situated, the exclusion must prevail. I do not justify the exclusion, but the fact remains that the schools are so situated as to debar Elava children. Government will now call for a list of all schools so situated and try to transfer them to localities to which all classes of the people may have access. We will make it our policy to remove our schools to unobjectionable places.

Secondly, in regard to girls' schools, the effect of puting the Elava girls in them will probably be to empty the schools of the caste girls. An experiment like that may produce serious results. We cannot jeopardize female education like that. Government are, however, prepared to give favourable consideration to applications for grants for girls' schools specially opened for Elava girls. If members of the Elava community open schools of their own, we shall give them liberal grants. If they are so backward and poor as not to be able to do that, we are prepared to open schools of our own for them.

Thirdly, in regard to the Sanskrit College and the Ayurvedic Patasala, I find that they are now so situated that the members of your community could not go to them. We are not now prepared to throw them open to Elavas. But in regard to admission to the examination referred to by both the members, if any Elava wants to appear for the examination, we shall make special arrangements for his being examined, and give him a certificate if he passes the examination. All that I have so far said is about Government schools.

In regard to aided institutions, Government leave the matter entirely to the managers and are not prepared to lay down any policy for them.

59. *Abolition of the Philosophy chair in His Highness' College.*

Mr. H. Mahadeva Iyer (Member, S. M. R. V. Association, Trivandrum) prayed for the revival of the Philosophy chair in His Highness the Maha Raja's College.

Dewan's reply.—The Philosophy chair in the Trivandrum College has been ordered to be abolished with effect from the next session. Government are not prepared to re-consider their decision.

60. *Technical Education.*

Mr. D. Govinda Pillai (Member, Kottarakara Taluk) urged that the present system of education shoud be reformed and technical education introduced. He pointed

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out the defects in the existing system and referred to the advantages of instruction in technical subjects.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions of the member are noted.

61. *Text-books for the Primary and Upper Primary classes.*

Mr. Subramonia Karayalan (Member, Shencottah Taluk) said that the text-books now prescribed for the pupils in the Primary and Upper Primary classes should be replaced by easier ones.

Dewan's reply.—There is no use in our going into details here about the unsuitability of text-books. The best thing will be for the member to put what he has to say in writing and send it in. We shall communicate it to the Text-Book Committee.

62. *Free schools for Mahomedans and their entertainment in service.*

Mr. Kochu Hassan Kunju of Quilon (Member, Nominated) said that there were hundreds of young and old men in the Mahomedan community without education of any kind and that they were leading a corrupt life and disturbing the peace of society. In the British parts, institutions for the free education of Mahomedan boys were very common. Unless Government came to their help, the community had no means for improving its present undesirable condition. He therefore urged that free schools be opened for Mahomedan boys. He also requested that as Mahomedans who had had English education were very few in number, Government might be pleased to encourage those of them who had some English education by employing them in the service of Government.

Dewan's reply.—There are now 10 Government and 13 aided schools, especially for Mahomedans. All Government schools are open to them. In 5 of the schools maintained by the Sirkar, *viz.*, the Mahomedan Upper Primary school at Changanacheri, the Residency Escort school, the Cantonment Mahomedan school, and the Kottar and Thiruvancode Mahomedan Girls' schools, no fees are levied. The question whether any further facilities should be given for the education of Mahomedans will be enquired into.

The applications of Mahomedans for appointments in the public service, for which they are educationally qualified, will be favourably considered.

VIII. Religious and Charitable Institutions.

63. *Charitable institutions under State management.*

Mr. K. G. Sesha Iyer (Member, Central Association, Trivandrum) requested that, with a view to effect, and as

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